GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF CNG/LPG OUTLETS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent any proposal to the Union Government for setting up of CNG/LPG outlets in the State;

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved;and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of Rajasthan has sent proposals to the Central Government for setting up of CNG/LPG outlets in the State.

(b) &(c): Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has established the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) with effect from 01.10.07,under the PNGRB Act,2006,to regulate the refining,processing,storage,transportation,distribution,marketing and sale of petroleum,petroleum products and natural gas excluding production of crude oil and natural gas.GAIL GAS LTD,a wholly owned subsidiary of GAIL (I) Ltd. has applied to PNGRB for authorization for City Gas Distribution projects in Kota and other cities of Rajasthan.As regards availability of gas, Gas Rehabilitation and Expansion Project (GREP) Pipeline and Vijaipur-Kota pipeline of GAIL pass through Rajasthan.GAIL has been issued authorization for Chhainsa-Gurgaon-Jajjhar-Hissar pipeline,passing close to Alwar in Rajasthan;the work on this pipeline is in progress.

As on 1.10.2008,OMCs are operating 18 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) in the state of Rajasthan.The total sale of auto LPG during the period April,2008 to September,2008 was 2.26 thousand metric tonnes (TMT) in the State of Rajasthan,as against 3.36 TMT during the corresponding period of last year.

Public-sector oil marketing companies set up ALDS based on their commercial considerations and upon the availability of suitable sites in various cities to meet the requirement of auto LPG.